

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the text beginning on page 1, line 5 and ending on page 2, line 6
with the following:

“This relates to the following six patents, all of which are incorporated herein by reference:

U.S. Patent No. 7,017,162, entitled “Application Program Interface for Network Software Platform”, which issued March 21, 2006, from application Serial No. 09/902,811, filed July 10, 2001. (Attorney’s Docket No. MS1-862US)

U.S. Patent No. 7,117,504, entitled “Application Program Interface for Network Software Platform”, which issued October 3, 2006, from application Serial No. 09/902,809, filed July 10, 2001. (Attorney’s Docket No. MS1-863US)

U.S. Patent No. 6,920,461, entitled “Application Program Interface for Network Software Platform”, which issued July 19, 2005, from application Serial No. 09/902,560, filed July 10, 2001. (Attorney’s Docket No. MS1-864US)

U.S. Patent No. 7,165,239, entitled “Application Program Interface for Network Software Platform”, which issued January 16, 2007, from application Serial No. 09/902,810, filed July 10, 2001. (Attorney’s Docket No. MS1-865US)

U.S. Patent No. _____, entitled “Application Program Interface for Network Software Platform”, which issued _____ from application Serial No. 09/902,812, filed July 10, 2001. (Attorney’s Docket No. MS1-866US)

U.S. Patent No. _____, entitled “Application Program Interface for Network Software Platform”, which issued _____ from application Serial No. 09/901,555, filed July 10, 2001. (Attorney’s Docket No. MS1-867US)”

AND

Substitute the text beginning on page 14, line 20 and ending on page 15, line 19 with the following:

“Fig. 2 shows the programming framework 132 in more detail. The common language specification (CLS) layer 140 supports applications written in a variety of languages 130(1), 130(2), 130(3), 130(4), ..., 130(K). Such application languages include Visual Basic, C++, C#, COBOL, Jscript, Perl, Eiffel, Python, and so on. The common language specification 140 specifies a subset of features or rules about features that, if followed, allow the various languages to communicate. For example, some languages do not support a given type (e.g., an “int*” type) that might otherwise be supported by the common language runtime 144. In this case, the common language specification 140 does not include the type. On the other hand, types that are supported by all or most languages (e.g., the “int[]” type) is included in common language specification 140 so library developers are free to use it and are assured that the languages can handle it. This ability to communicate results in seamless integration between code modules written in one language and code modules written in another language. Since different languages are particularly well suited to particular tasks, the seamless integration between languages allows a developer to select a particular language for a particular code module with the ability to use that code module with modules

written in different languages. The common language runtime 144 allow seamless multi-language development, with cross language inheritance, and provide a robust and secure execution environment for the multiple programming languages. For more information on the common language specification 140 and the common language runtime 144, the reader is directed to co-pending applications entitled “Method and System for Compiling Multiple Languages”, filed 6/21/2000 (serial number 09/598,105, now Patent No. 6,836,883 issued December 28, 2004) and “Unified Data Type System and Method” filed 7/10/2000 (serial number 09/613,289, now abandoned), which are incorporated by reference.”